

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. In the Office Action dated January 15, 2009, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-12, 14, 16-19, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2009, Applicants submitted an Amendment filed April 14, 2009, amending the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection. In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 7, 2009, the Examiner noted that newly added Claim 31 contained revision markers for adding and deleting terms in the claim. Applicants hereby re-submit the previously submitted amendments with the revision marker in Claim 31 removed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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